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Pumping or mixing system using a levitating magnetic bearing related system components, and related methods

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PUMPING OR MIXING SYSTEM USING A LEVITATING MAGNETIC BEARING RELATED SYSTEM COMPONENTS, AND RELATED METHODS

This application claims the benefit of the filing date of: (1) U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/460,600, filed December 14, 1999; and (2) U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/239,187, filed October 9, 2000.

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The present invention relates generally to the mixing or pumping of fluids or the like and, more particularly, to a number of systems, related components, and related methods for pumping or mixing fluids using a rotating magnetic bearing levitated by a superconducting element.

Background of the Invention

Most pharmaceutical solutions and suspensions manufactured on an industrial scale require highly controlled, thorough mixing to achieve a satisfactory yield and to ensure a uniform distribution of ingredients in the final product. Agitator tanks are frequently used to complete the mixing process, but a better degree of mixing is normally achieved by using a mechanical stirrer or impeller (e.g., a set of mixing blades attached to a metal